

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of VERDONSCHOT ET AL.

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9/16/02For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DELIVERING CEMENT TO
BONES AND/OR POSITIONING COMPONENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. National Stage application,
kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-4, 12, 18, 21-45 and 52-54, without prejudice or
disclaimer, and amend claims 7-11, 13, 19, 20 and 48-50 as follows:

7. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the tool includes an
elongate, tubular housing, and the means for releasably mounting the component is
provided at the distal end of the housing.

8. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, further comprising an endoscope
for providing a surgeon with an image of the site of the component to assist guidance
and location.